

# Town of Frederick Board of Trustees



Eric Doering, Mayor

Sue Wedel, Mayor Pro Tem  
Liberta Hattel, Trustee  
Amy Schiers, Trustee

Tony Carey, Trustee  
Gerry Pfirsch, Trustee  
Jim Wollack, Trustee

---

AM 2010-024

## Resolution Approving the Weld County Hazard Mitigation Plan


---

**Agenda Date:** Town Board Meeting – March 9, 2010

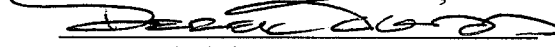
**Attachments:**

- a. Resolution
- b. Weld County Planning Element, Northeast Colorado Emergency Managers Association

**Fiscal Note:** None noted or provided Fiscal note

  
Finance Director

**Submitted by:**   
Police Chief

**Approved for Presentation:**   
Town Administrator

**AV Use Anticipated** Projector \_\_\_\_\_ Laptop \_\_\_\_\_

---

**Certification of Board Approval:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Town Clerk Date

### **Summary Statement:**

The Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 requires that states, counties, and municipalities participate in planning at the state and regional level. One of the principle purposes of the act is to encourage disaster mitigation planning at the local level. The Northeast All Hazards Region of Colorado consists of ten counties, including Weld County. The emergency managers of all ten counties participated in the planning process. Many jurisdictions in the counties (including the Town of Frederick) also participated. The first version of the plan for this region was published in 2004. An update is required every five years and the 2009 version was completed late last year. The Weld County Commissioners approved the plan and other jurisdictions within Weld County are asked to also approve it. Eligibility for federal disaster relief funds may be affected if the plan is not approved.

**Detail of Issue/Request:**

The plan puts forth county-specific recommendations for mitigation, based on the risk assessment, that are designed to reduce future losses. The legislation was intended to prompt communities to gather data about the risks they face, analyze the potential impacts and losses that such risks could cause, and develop an action plan to address the most critical and threatening issues. Some identified hazards can be easily addressed while others may not be handled until additional funding becomes available. The plan takes into account the climate, terrain, population, economy, and infrastructure of the region. It identifies the hazards likely to be seen and characterizes them by geographic extent, probability of future occurrence, magnitude or severity, and significance. The Weld County Planning Element (attached) provides an historical summary of natural disasters occurring in the county as far back as the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Specific details about the numbers of different types of natural hazards are included. A vulnerability assessment (in total assessed value), parcel exposure, building exposure, populations exposed, critical facilities inventory, and natural and historic assets of the various jurisdictions in Weld County are all included. Floodplain vulnerabilities along the various drainages are mapped and explained, within limits as to acreage at risk. Critical bridges in the county road network that are at risk of "scour" due to flooding damage to foundations are included. The Northeast Colorado Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan is 562 pages in length and covers all ten of the counties in the region. It may be viewed at: [http://www.dola.state.co.us/dem/mitigation/ncempdm\\_plan.pdf](http://www.dola.state.co.us/dem/mitigation/ncempdm_plan.pdf)

**Legal/Political Considerations:**

Not Applicable

**Alternatives/Options:**

An alternative is to not approve the hazard mitigation plan. This action may affect eligibility for federal disaster relief funds. Since the hazard mitigation plan is required by the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, alternatives to having an approved plan are not apparent.

**Financial Considerations:**

Not Applicable

**Staff Recommendation:**

It is recommended that the Weld County Hazard Mitigation Plan be approved.